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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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Sent by email to [contact@psc.sc.gov](mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov) and by U.S. Postal Mail

**Reference:** Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Proposed Electric Transportation Pilot and An Accounting Order to Defer Capital and Operating Expenses (Dockets 2018-321E and 322E)

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of New Flyer of America Inc. ("New Flyer"), I am pleased to express our support for the Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas Electric Transportation Pilot program which includes EV School Bus Charging; the EV Transit Bus Charging Program; and the Direct Current ("DC") Fast Charging Station Program.

New Flyer is North America's heavy-duty transit bus leader and offers the most advanced product line under the Xcelsior® and Xcelsior CHARGE™ brands. New Flyer actively supports over 41,000 heavy-duty transit buses (New Flyer, NABI, and Orion) currently in service, of which 7,300 are powered by electric motors and battery propulsion and 1,600 are zero-emission. Amongst several other U.S. based locations, New Flyer manufactures electric transit buses and operates a Vehicle Innovation Center in nearby Anniston, AL.

In June 2018, New Flyer joined the Charging Interface Initiative ("CharIN e.V." or "CharIN") as a core member. CharIN's mission is to promote Combined Charging Systems (CCS) as the standard for all types of battery-electric vehicles. New Flyer engineers actively participate in Society of Automotive Engineer (SAE) Task Force committees, making New Flyer one of the original entities to spearhead SAE heavy-duty charging standards to support interoperability and to help reduce barriers to adopting zero-emission transit buses.

New Flyer sees strong benefit in how this pilot program will best support public transit electrification and associated cost savings, and we are committed to assist South Carolina transit agencies and Duke Energy as appropriate in achieving these objectives.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (320) 203-4979 or via email at [david\\_warren@newflyer.com](mailto:david_warren@newflyer.com).

Sincerely,

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